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MASATO OTSUKA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/939,421

Filed: August 24, 2001

METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE
OPERATIONS AND DISPLAY MODE
OF AN OPTICAL DISC PLAYER
BETWEEN A VIDEO PLAYBACK
MODE AND A USER AGENT MODE

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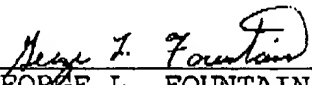
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